GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – State Tax Department - Commercial Taxes Department – Surprise check conducted on Integrated Check Post, B.V.Palem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District on 21.12.2013-Disciplinary action initiated against all the erring officials by entrusting the case to COI for conducting Inquiry - Inquiry Report received – Inquiry report communicated under Rule 21(2) of APCS (CCA) Rules 1991 – Written representations received - Punishment imposed - orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.569 Dated: 21/08/2024
Read the following:

Ref: 1. The D.G., ACB Lr. RC. No.49/DES-NNL/2013, Dated:04.07.2017
2. The D.G., ACB Lr. RC. No.162/RCT-REG/2016, Dated:22.01.2018
3. G.O.Ms.No.293, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, dt.6.6.2018
4. G.O.Rt No. 911 to 913, Revenue(Vig.II)Dept., dated: 27.08.2019..
5. G.O.Rt No. 360, Revenue(Vig.II)Dept., dated 19.03.2020
6. Memo No. 19400/Vig.II(3)/2015, dated:18.05.2020
7. Memo No. 19400/Vig.II(3)/2015, dated:16.01.2021
8. G.O.Rt.No.277, Revenue(Vig.II)Dept.,dt:10.05.2021 .
9. D.O.Lr.No.57/COI-KVR/2021, dt:31.10.2022.
10. Memo No. 19400/Vig.II(3)/2015, dated:05.06.2023
11. Representation received on 10.12.2023 & 10.01.2024 through the CCST.

*****

O R D E R:

Whereas, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada in his letter dated 07.09.2015 has informed that a surprise check was conducted by the ACB at the Integrated Check Post, B.V. Palem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District on 21.12.2013. During the check, it was found that certain irregularities committed by the staff from seven departments (Transport, Prohibition & Excise, Commercial Tax, Forest, Mines & Geology, Industries& Commerce, Agricultural & Marketing, and Animal Husbandry) working at check post. The DG., ACB has recommended that to issue common disciplinary proceedings against 32 Suspected Officers from these Departments for imposing major penalties.

2. Whereas, the Government have examined the matter and initiated disciplinary proceedings against the 32 SOs in G.O.Ms.No.293, Revenue (Vig-II) Department, dated 06.06.2018, and framed article of charges against them vide G.O.Rt.No.751 to 782, Revenue (Vig-II) Department, dated 06.06.2018. The Charged Officers submitted their WSDs and all the officers vic Smt. P. Lakshmi Madhavi, Commercial Tax Officer, and 29 others COs denied the charges in their Written Statements of Defence (WSDs).

3. Whereas, Government have appointed Sri. J. Satyanarayana, IPS (Retd) Member, Commissioners of Inquiries, as Inquiry Authority vide G.O.Rt.No.912, Rev (II) Department, dt.27-8-2019 to inquiry into the article of charges framed against the Charged Officers. Later, the case was re-assigned to Sri T.A. Tripathi, IPS, Commissioner of Inquiries vide G.O.Rt.No.360, dated 19.03.2020. Subsequently, it was further reassigned to K. Venkata Rami Reddy, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, through G.O.Rt.No.277, dated 10.05.2021, to inquire into the charges framed against Smt. P. Lakshmi Madhavi, Commercial Tax Officer, and 29 others.

4. Sri K. Venkata Rami Reddy, the Inquiry Authority, has submitted his report to the Government on 31.10.2022. After following the due procedure, the Government have communicated the inquiry report to the Charged Officers through the Chief Commissioner of State Tax (CCST), Guntur, vide Government Memo dt: 05.06.2023, and requested to submit their written representation under Rule 21(2) of APCS (CCA) Rules 1991. The CCST has furnished the explanations of the Charged Officers vide reference 10th cited.

(P.T.O)

5. Government after detailed examination of the Inquiry Report and Written representations submitted by the Charged officers it is found that the Charged Officers were involved in collecting unauthorized payments("Memolos") from vehicle crews, in collusion with other staff, during transit at the Integrated Check Post. The defense presented by the Charged Officers were deemed unsubstantiated, and the charges were proven based on seized records and witness depositions. Therefore, the Government has decided to impose a penalty against the Charged Officers as per the provisions laid down in APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991. Further action was dropped due to 4 years limitation under Rule 9 (2) (b) (ii) of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against Sri A. Subbaiah, Attender, Animal Husbandary Department and Sir P. Murali, Head Constable, TR&B Department vide GO Rt. No. 911, Rev (Vig.II) Department, dt. 27-8-2019. Further Sri Karimullah Shaik, Attender, Transport Dept was expired and further action abated vide GO Rt No. 782, Rev(Vig-II) Dept, dt. 15-12-2021. Sri Shaik Ejas Ahamad, P.C and Shaik Rezwan Ahamed P.C, of Prohibition & Excise Department also expired and further action abated vide GO Rt No. 570, Rev (Vig-II) Dept, dt.27-6-2022. P. HariKrishna, Jr. Assistant, & A.Ramanaiah, Attender of CT Department are also expired and further action abated vide G.O.Rt.No.570 Revenue(Vig-II) Dept., dt. 23.08.2024. Further Sk. Shabbir, Jr Assistant, CT Dept. and Sri K. Venkateswarlu, Forest Section Officer are retired and further action will be taken as per AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby impose the penalties against the following Charged Officers as detailed below as the charges framed against them are held proved in the Inquiry:-

	Name of the C.O	Penalty
1	1 Sri Sk.Acad Zakir, Motor Vehicle Inspector, Transport Department (CO.1)	imposed a penalty of stoppage of two annual grade increments without cumulative effect.
2	Sri Mummareddy Suneel, AMVI , Transport Department (CO. 2)	
3	Sri Y.V.Purna Chandra Rao, Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspector, Transport Department (CO.3)	
4	Sri Dara Suryanarayana, Sub Inspector, Prohibition & Excise (CO.5)	imposed a penalty of stoppage of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect.
5	Sri Balli Srinivasa Rao, PC 233, Prohibition & Excise (CO.6)	
6	Sri Konduru Subbaiah, Police Constable, Prohibition & Excise (CO.8)	
7	Sri Syed Sydali Sahib, Head Constable, Prohibition & Excise (CO.9)	
8	Sri Devarakonda Krishnaiah, Police Constable, Prohibition & Excise, (CO.11)	
9	Sri M.G.K.Raju, Police Constable, Prohibition & Excise, (CO.12)	
10	Sri S.V.Prasad, ACTO, Commercial Tax Department, (CO.13)	Imposed a penalty of stoppage of two annual grade increments without cumulative effect.
11	Sri B.B.Prasanna Kumar, Assistant Commercial Tax Ofcer, Commercial Tax Department (CO.14)	
12	Sri K.Kiran Kumar, Junior Assistant, Commercial Tax Department, (CO.17)	
13	Sri P.V.Jagadish Kumar, Junior Assistant, Commercial Tax Department, (CO.18)	

14	Sri H.Ramanaiah, Junior Assistant, Commercial Tax Department, (CO.19)	
15	Sri A.Venu Gopal, Attender, CT Department, (CO.20)	
16	Sri Poluru Ramesh, Junior Assistant, Commercial Tax Department, (CO.22)	
17	Sri Kudumula Srinivasulu, Junior Assistant, Commercial Tax Department, (CO.23)	
18	Sri N.Vidya Sagar, Junior Assistant, Commercial Tax Department, (CO.24)	
19	Sri Peramani Srinivasulu, Attender, Commercial Tax Department, (CO.25)	
20	Sri B.Purna Chandra Rao, Royalty Inspector, Mines & Geology Department, (CO.27)	Imposed a penalty of stoppage of two annual grade increments without cumulative effect.
21	Sri Sk.Apsar, Supervisor, AMC Department, (CO.28)	
22	Sri P.Mallikarjuna, Deputy CTO, CT Department, (CO.29)	
23	Smt. P. Lakshmi Madhavi, CTO, CT, (CO.30).	further action dropped against her, as the charge held not proved.

7. The Chief Commissioner State Tax, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly, under intimation to the Government.

PEEYUSH KUMAR,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT(CT)-FIN01

To
The individuals (through the CCST., A.P., Guntur)
The Chief Commissioner State Tax., A.P., Guntur
Copy to:
The Secretary to VC, A.P Vigilance Commission, Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati.
The TR&B Department, AP Secretariat for necessary action.
The Revenue (P&E) Department, AP Secretariat for necessary action.
Sf/Sc.

// FORWARDED: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER